



FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 9.

As was seen in yesterday's GAZETTE, all the democratic members of the legislature, with possibly one or two exceptions, express themselves in favor of the renomination of President Cleveland. Their words, however, are by no means consistent with their actions. They voted unanimously for a resolution for the retention of the tariff on the raw material of manufactures, for the repeal of the tax on tobacco and liquor, and for the passage of the Blair bill, though they must know, that if they read the newspapers, that the President is emphatically opposed to each and all of these measures, and has done, and will do, all he can to defeat them. The members referred to are even more inconsistent than ex-Commissioner Baum, who says a modern politician can not afford to be consistent.

RARELY has the news of the death of a man occupying so exalted a position, been received with such sincere sorrow at home, and with such tender regret abroad, as that of the Emperor of Germany. In his own country the Emperor was loved, and throughout the civilized world he was respected, for his home virtues, and for the worthy example he set, not only the powerful of the earth, but every man who has a family and who has the least regard for the well being of society. If every man were as good a citizen as the Emperor William was, the sort of government he lives under would make very little difference.

MR. DANIEL made his maiden speech in the Senate last Wednesday evening. It was in reply to Mr. Plumb's charge of extravagance in regard to public buildings. Mr. Daniel produced Mr. Plumb's own letter to prove that so far as a public building in Kansas was concerned, the increased expense was incurred at that Senator's own suggestion and recommendation, and that, as regards others, the fault, if any, lay not with the present supervising architect, but with his republican predecessor. The speech was not long, but long enough to make Mr. Plumb feel decidedly uncomfortable.

NOW that the democratic State committee has fixed upon the day and place for holding the State democratic convention to appoint delegates to the next national democratic convention, it is hoped, for the good of the State and country, as well as for that of the democratic party, State and national, that the democrats in all the towns and counties of Virginia may take care that the delegates they elect to their State convention shall be men who will represent them correctly on all the questions that will come before the national convention.

THE CHIEF effect of Senator Ingalls' late speech, in which he combined his expressions of deep and venomous hate for the South with a gross personal insult to the President of the country, will be to remove some of the opposition to the President's renomination that now exists in that section of the country in which lies the effective strength of the democratic party. The democrats of the South will feel that General Bragg did at Chicago four years ago, love Mr. Cleveland for the enemies he has made.

THE U. S. SENATE yesterday passed the dependent pensions bill as prepared by the G. A. R. The Southern democratic Senators who voted for it, lest their "loyalty" might be impugned by Northern republicans, were Messrs. Brown, Faulkner, George, Gorman, Hampton, Keene, Pugh and Walshaw. Should it pass the House, as it is hoped the President will veto it, as he did a similar bill in the last Congress.

MESSRS. OBERLY and Lyman, the republican members of the civil service commission, say, persons in the government service are prohibited from acting in political organizations; but Mr. Elgerton, the democratic member of the commission, says the fact that a man is in the government's service does not deprive him of his rights as a citizen. But few men of any party will disagree with the latter.

THE KNIGHTS of labor at Mahanoy Plane, in the mining district of Pennsylvania, have voted unanimously to surrender their charter. Before doing so they pronounced the strike ill advised and causeless, and declared that they could not conscientiously hold further membership in an organization where a recurrence of such folly is a possibility. Experience is a hard, but it is the best of all teachers.

It is not at all likely that the death of the Emperor William of Germany will produce any governmental trouble in that country. His son succeeds him, and if the latter should speedily die, as is prognosticated, his son, old enough to be discreet and conservative, will succeed him. And then, too, Bismarck is still alive.

The Southern Planter for March has been received from its publishers in Richmond. Among its contents is an interesting article on "Virginia-Bred Horses" by D. S. Watson.

Mrs. George Cable, of Markham, and Mr. Albert S. Harrell, of Loudon, Fauquier county, died on Sunday last.

J. B. Janney has been appointed postmaster at Parcellville, vice Bolyn, removed.

Dr. W. D. Myers died at Hamilton on Monday.

From Washington.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. GAZETTE.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 9, 1888.

In the Senate Mr. Daniel has introduced a bill for the enlargement and improvement of the public building at Petersburg, Va. In the House a bill was favorably reported for the erection of a monument at Point Pleasant, Va., commemorative of the valor of those who fell in the battle of 1774. The bill for the completion of the monument to Mary, the mother of Washington, at Fredericksburg, was also reported favorably. Mr. Lee presented a petition of certain citizens of Fairfax county, in relation to the tariff on wool. A similar one of J. W. F. Allom, of J. W. Bradford and others, of Rockingham county, Va., was presented by Mr. O'Ferrall, who also presented one of Bettie B. Riley and Isaac W. Canter, of Frederick county, Va., for reference of their claims to county, Va., in the Senate yesterday the count of claims. In the Senate yesterday Mr. Daniel presented a petition of the councilors of the Seneca Nation, in New York, for the removal of trespassers from their lands; also a bill appropriating \$20,000 for an iron bridge from the government reservation at Fort Monroe to Elizabeth City county, also to put the name of William Patterson, of Lynchburg, on the pension roll. In the House yesterday Mr. Bowden, of Virginia, presented a petition of Caleb T. Spratt and others for increased salaries to employees in the life saving service; Mr. Brown, of Virginia, presented a petition of F. R. Hurley and other citizens of Middlesex county, Va., for increased compensation to 31 an 4th class postmasters.

It was reported in and around the Senate chamber yesterday afternoon that Mr. Ingalls intended to make another speech on the dependent pensions bill before the vote on it was taken, so as to tone down some of his previous malignant remarks, but that hearing that Mr. Blackburn, whose reply to those remarks was made on the spur of the moment, had since then fortified himself by an examination of his record, he wisely determined to abstain and thus give the latter gentleman no opportunity for mutilating his marrow still further.

It is learned here for reliable Virginia republican authority that the effort General Mahone has made to secure a solid Sherman delegation from his State to the national republican convention may possibly fail, as strong opposition to it has been manifested in various parts of the State. Indeed, on the authority referred to, it is stated that even so devoted a Mahone partisan as Mr. John S. Wise will, on the floor of the convention, oppose any movement that may be made there to instruct the delegates.

The House Committee on Military Affairs to-day determined to recommend for passage a bill appropriating \$7,475,000 for the public defense.

So far this session three of the Virginia members of the House have done credit to their State. Mr. Yost, in his fight for a pension to the widow of Maj. R. M. Kirby, Mr. Lee, in his fight for the Theological Seminary, and Mr. O'Ferrall, in his debate with Mr. Boutwell.

S. J. Potter, vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, died of dropsy at Providence Hospital here this morning.

The House commerce committee spent an hour this morning in considering the resolution for investigating the strike of the engineers on the C. & O. R. R. They reached no definite conclusion, but the sentiment of the committee is thought to be decidedly opposed to ordering an investigation, believing that the strike is a matter between the railroad company and its employees.

Representative Lee, of the Alexandria district, left his sick bed to-day to come to the House to look after his amendment to the omnibus war claims bill providing for the payment of the claim of the Theological Seminary near Alexandria, the consideration of which will be resumed this evening.

The House pensions committee to-day agreed to report favorably a bill to grant a pension of \$100 per month to persons who have lost both hands. The bill to repeal the statute excluding State militia men from pensions, was acted upon favorably.

Governor Lee, of Virginia, arrived here last night, and went to Baltimore this morning. He will return this evening or to-morrow.

Another Fire at Culpeper. Another very destructive fire visited Culpeper Court House yesterday. Flames were discovered about 4:30 in the morning issuing from the large buildings on the south side of Davis street, in the rear of the Academy of Music, occupied by Miss V. B. Cochran as a millinery store on the lower floor and as a residence above. The flames spread rapidly, and the adjoining buildings, occupied respectively by Drs. E. S. and E. H. Lewis and by Messrs. G. D. Gray, J. F. Rixey, C. H. Bolen and D. P. Stallard as law offices were soon burned, as well as the buildings in which was situated the Advance newspaper office, and in which two private families were living. Most of the lawyers saved their books and papers in a damaged condition. The Advance office saved its books and papers, and some of the private families saved part of their furniture. The Academy of Music, in which is situated the Farmers' National Bank, the Mayor's court room and a number of other offices, was with difficulty saved. The loss will aggregate about \$6,000 or \$7,000. The Advance printing office loss is about \$1,500, insurance \$1,200; C. H. Bolen, on building, loss \$1,300, insurance \$1,150; Miss V. B. Cochran, loss on stock and furniture not known, but insured; J. F. Rixey, on building, loss about \$1,200, insured; E. H. Wrenn, on building, loss about \$1,000, insured; damage to Academy building about \$300 or \$400, fully insured. There were a great many smaller losses, which were mostly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THE SHUMATE CASE.—In the Court of Appeals yesterday the case of Shumate vs. the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier, on a petition for a mandamus coming up, the rule nisi was discharged and the petition dismissed. Judge Lewis delivered the opinion; Judge Fauntleroy concurring in the result.

W. B. G. Shumate was formerly judge of Fauquier county. The two houses of the General Assembly by resolution and for cause removed him. Mr. Spilman was then elected judge. Shumate brought quo warranto proceedings against Spilman, and the Circuit Judge decided in favor of Spilman. Shumate carried the case to the Supreme Court, but it was never pushed to trial, and the term for which Shumate was elected having expired the case was dismissed. So the judgment of the Circuit Court stands. Now Shumate comes with mandamus proceedings to compel the county of Fauquier to pay him \$1,250 of salary alleged to be due. Shumate alleges that he was removed without lawful notice; that the resolution in question was not presented to the Governor for approval; that the process taken was void because it was a case that could only have been acted upon by impeachment.

The Supreme Court decides that the case is res judicata.

Wrecked.

LONDON, March 9.—The British bark Loma, from Launceston, Australia, for London, with a cargo of wool, has been wrecked near Weymouth. The captain and eleven of the crew were drowned.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The notion store of O. F. Ruffin, in Norfolk, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss \$2,500; insured.

David J. Miller, a leading citizen of Frederick county, and a former member of the Legislature, died a few days since.

William Merkv, of Montgomery, Kansas, has purchased 243½ acres from J. W. Hopman, near Warrenton Junction, Fauquier county.

Miss M. W. Barnes, postmistress at Stafford C. H., and Mr. C. W. Rouse, a prominent farmer of Fauquier county, were married Wednesday morning.

An ordinance of the City Council of Roanoke appropriating \$60,000 to erect a school building for white and colored pupils has been approved by the people by a majority of 147.

The indications are that the white knights of labor, of Richmond, who in the municipal campaign of 1885 and in the legislative contest of last year opposed the democrats, will come into line with that party in the city campaign this spring.

Mr. Ingalls, the new president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, is now inspecting the line and the property of the company in Virginia. It is understood that the general offices of the company will be removed from Richmond to Cincinnati.

After a trial of four days, Adeline Lewis was yesterday, in the County Court of Greenville, convicted of murder, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary. The accused is only twelve years of age, and killed her victim by poisoning.

The police of Norfolk have captured a gang of five Italian counterfeiters. They had none of the spurious coin in their possession when arrested, but have been identified as having passed it. The Treasury Department has been notified of the capture.

The clothes of a little three-year-old boy of Mr. Wm. Edwards, near the Fauquier Springs, caught fire Tuesday evening and the clothing of his little sister, a year older, in trying to extinguish the flames, caught also. They were both so badly burned it is apprehended that both cases will terminate fatally.

Some \$2700 belonging to an old man named Nelson, was stolen from the safe of Mr. Crockett, a druggist, at Powhatan, the other day. It is said that only Mr. Crockett, his clerk and C. S. Finley, a young man of Tazewell county, knew the safe combination. Suspicion pointed to Finley, and it is learned that he has been arrested and bailed for his appearance.

Among the graduates from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery this session are the following from Virginia: R. Blackwell, J. W. Fisher, M. L. Dawson, T. H. Kellam, J. E. Hardy, W. P. Moore, J. Rust, J. W. Semus, R. H. Stevenson, R. W. Talley, J. W. Smith, W. D. Williams, J. W. Wilson, J. T. Weight, Jr. Mr. Rust is a brother of Dr. D. N. Rust, of this city, and will practice his profession here.

At a stock sale near Adamstown, Md., on Tuesday, "Johnny Crapaud," a Percheron stallion, imported and registered 1810, in French stud book, was knocked down to J. B. Beverly & Co., of Loudoun, at \$450. He is said to be a handsome light gray, 16 hands high, and weighs 1600 lbs. Among other sales made were nine head of cows and young cattle to E. B. Harrison, and a fine cow to Capt. J. W. Foster of Leesburg.

George R. Brown killed his father-in-law, Joseph Saunders, in the southern part of Bedford county Tuesday. Brown, it is claimed, was concealed behind a tobacco house on Saunders' farm, which the latter had to pass. When he had gotten but a short distance beyond the house Brown came out and deliberately discharged the contents of a double barreled shotgun in his back, killing him almost instantly. Brown made his escape.

The Emperor.

The announcement of the death of Emperor William yesterday was premature. He did not die till 8:30 o'clock this morning. He fell into such a state of collapse at five o'clock that the end was believed to be near, but he rallied at six o'clock and took nourishment and wine. The ringing of the church bells to announce the administering of the sacrament, led the public to believe that the end had come.

Between 8 and 10 p. m., the Emperor greatly improved. He repeatedly partook of soup, and drank one glass of champagne. He spoke to the doctors and expressed a desire to get up, but was not allowed to rise, except partially, so that the bed might be rearranged. Divine service was held in the palace at five o'clock. All the members of the imperial family, the court dignitaries and the members of the household were present. Hundreds of people stood bareheaded in the rain outside the palace and joined in the prayers offered by Chaplain Koegel.

In the absence of precedents, due to the fact that William was the first Emperor of the present empire, the succession is determined by the imperial constitution of 1871, which declares that the King of Prussia shall be the President of the Confederation and shall have the title of German Emperor. The succession, therefore, is dependent upon the constitution of Prussia of 1850, that provides that the crown, according to the laws of the royal house, is hereditary in the male line of that house in accordance with the law of primogeniture and agnatic succession. There is also a provision that if the King is a minor, or is otherwise lastingly prevented from ruling, himself, the regency will be undertaken by that agent who has attained his majority and stands nearest the crown. By this latter provision William became, in 1858, prince regent on account of the mental illness of his brother, King Frederick William IV, and succeeded him on his death, in 1861, as King of Prussia. The Crown Prince Frederick William is the constitutional successor of his father as Emperor and King, but in view of his possibly fatal malady, complications might have arisen which would have necessitated a regency. But these were prevented by an imperial decree signed November 17 and promulgated yesterday, providing for the representation of the Emperor and King by Prince William, son of the Crown Prince, in the discharge of the current government business.

The dying Emperor has, in his nearly ninety years, survived fifty-two Kings or Queens, eight Emperors, six sultans, and six popes who were his contemporaries. Of these three were Kings of Prussia, Frederick William II, Frederick William III, Frederick William IV; two were Kings of Hanover, two Kings of Württemberg, four Kings of Bavaria, three Kings of Saxony, one King of Westphalia (Jerome Bonaparte), one King of Greece, one King of the Belgians, three Kings of Holland, three Kings of England, three Kings of France, five Kings of Sweden, four Kings of Denmark, three sovereigns of Portugal, five rulers of Spain, five Kings of Sardinia, six Kings of Naples, two Emperors of Austria (one of whom was the last of the former line of German Emperors), two Emperors of France, and four Czars of Russia. He has also survived twenty Presidents of the United States.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

There were upwards of 5,000 Maryland excursionists in Washington yesterday.

In the House of Representatives yesterday a bill was passed to pay the widow of General James Shields \$10,000 for certain swords of her husband in her possession.

The Senate yesterday passed the dependent soldiers' pension bill, after striking out most of the amendments adopted in committee of the whole, and then adjourned until Monday.

At the rolling mill, of the Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Iron and Steel Company, yesterday by the slipping of a belt the speed of the engine was suddenly increased to such an enormous velocity as to cause the bursting of the great fly wheel. Great damage was caused to machinery and building by the flying fragments, and a laborer was struck on the head and instantly killed, his skull being frightfully crushed. Several others were injured.

Lincolnia Items.

The regular meeting of the Farmer's Club of this vicinity was held at the residence of G. K. Pickett. The weather being "on fine behavior" the attendance was good. The critical report on what was observable, so far as circumstances permitted, was very favorable. The question pending, "How to obtain good farm help, etc.," was postponed to the next meeting, as an important matter of much interest in this section needed consummate attention and action. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of A. Martin on the 22d inst. Critical Committee, Geo. Auld, W. H. Lewis and B. Camp. Upon conclusion of the club business, the cheerful company of a goodly number of ladies present was gracefully invited, and a festive season of chat and music was enjoyed. A collation under the auspices of the amiable lady of the hospitable homestead was wholesomely appreciated, and all present were serene in the fact that another good time was added to their long-remembered record.

As Alexandria has been flattered with some enterprises, the consummation of which might require the power of a Lick telescope to discern, an easy random invent is given, from which nickels might be hoarded, by utilizing an unwashable article of apparel—paper collars after they have "stood guard" around the wearer's neck till tired, may be made to do further duty, as the best lamp lighters extant, by cutting them into halves, then into strips tapering from a half inch to a point.

The Ladies Mite Society of this hamlet enjoyed a very cheerful "fillet" at the home of D. F. Abrams on the 29th ult. A lively number was present. As the ladies were the generous donors of pie, the gentlemen freely appreciated their pious taste. Reading selections by several of the company, and a dissertation upon the origin of this peculiar year by a well known bachelor of this precinct, who brought the theme down in a buoyant style from the period of J. Caesar was edifying and conjugal lucid merriment was above par, and the bill was passed that it was a joyable sociable without a dissembler.

Under existing state of things a conundrum arises how to understand how the majority of people hope to be happy in heaven, supposing they reach there since its atmosphere is love instead of greenbacks.

DEATH OF D. H. STROTHER.—David Hunter Strother ("Porte Crayon") died at Charlottesville, Jefferson county, Va., yesterday, of pneumonia, after an illness of five days. Gen. Strother was born in Martinsburg, Va., September 15, 1816. In 1853 he began to contribute to Harper's Magazine, over the signature of "Porte Crayon," a series of illustrated papers, mostly on the South, the drawings being on wood by himself. Some of these papers were collected into a volume, "Virginia Illustrated." He was also a painter of some reputation. During the civil war he entered the Federal service as captain and assistant adjutant-general, and served on the staffs of Major-General David Hunter and Major-General N. P. Banks. He afterwards became colonel of the Third West Virginia Cavalry, and resigned September, 1864. In 1867 he was brevetted brigadier-general for meritorious services. Early in the Hayes administration Gen. Strother was appointed United States consul at the City of Mexico, where he remained until some months after President Cleveland was inaugurated. While in Mexico he gathered the material for an essay on the "Life and Customs of the Mexicans," to appear in Harper's, and was engaged in its compilation at the time of his death. He will be buried at Martinsburg to-morrow at noon.

COURT OF APPEALS YESTERDAY.—Shumate against the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier county. Petition for a mandamus. Rule nisi discharged, and petition dismissed. Judge Lewis delivering opinion Judge Fauntleroy concurring in the result.

Todd against the Gallego Mills Manufacturing Company. Affirmed. Judge Lacey delivering opinion. Judge Richardson dissenting; Judge Hinton concurring in the result.

Corprew against Corprew. From the Hastings Court of the city of Portsmouth. Affirmed. Judge Fauntleroy delivering opinion.

Payne against Morris. From the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. Affirmed. Judge Hinton delivering opinion, Judge Lacey concurring in the result.

Savage against the Commonwealth. From the Circuit Court of Accomac county. Reversed. Judge Lewis delivering opinion.

Roskoka National Bank against Farmers' National Bank. From the Circuit Court of Roanoke county. Affirmed. Judge Fauntleroy delivering opinion.

Chaffin against Lynch. Argued by Thomas G. Jackson, esq., for defendant in error.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.—At the meeting of the democratic State committee held in Richmond last night Hon. John S. Barbour, presiding, a convention was called to meet at Norfolk May 16 to elect delegates to the presidential convention. Mr. Cleveland's strength in this State the committee agree has increased during the past year and in the convention he will get the solid vote of the State delegation. No reference was made of Mr. Barbour's retirement from the chairmanship of the State committee, but his associates in the committee feel sure that the whole party will oppose this step on Mr. Barbour's part. The only places competing for the convention were Richmond, Charlottesville and Norfolk. The latter place was selected on the second ballot by a vote of nineteen to sixteen. The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate and one alternate for each 200 votes, or fraction equal to 100, cast for Lee for Governor. The total number of delegates will be 762, as Lee received 152,544 votes.

Mr. J. Pressley Woodard died on Friday last at his home in Lee district, Fairfax county, and Mrs. Narcissa Monroe at Fairfax C. H. on Saturday last.

Mr. John W. Graham, of Fairfax C. H., has had an apopleptic attack, but is improving.



TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

Death of the Emperor William. BERLIN, Mar. 9.—Emperor William died at half past eight o'clock this morning. The Bourse is closed on account of the Emperor's death.

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—The death of the Emperor was announced to the populace by the lowering to half mast of the standard over the palace. Flags at half mast are displayed on all the public buildings. An immense concourse of people is gathered outside the palace. The multitude is silent and sorrowful.

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—When the Reichstag met to-day Prince Bismarck, with deep emotion, informed the members of the death of the Emperor. He also announced that the new King would assume the title of Frederick III.

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—At the opening of the lower house of the Prussian diet to-day, Herr Von Puttkamer, Vice President of the Prussian Ministerial Council, arose and announced the death of the Emperor William in feeling terms.

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—Eye witnesses of the scenes at the death of the Emperor state that during the last few hours of his life he suffered no pain. Shortly after eight o'clock all the members of the family staying at the palace, the court dignitaries, Generals and Minister of State were summoned to the chamber in which the Emperor lay dying. The Emperor was in a half sitting position on a camp bedstead. All the members of the royal family took places at the bedside. The room was crowded. Prince William stood nearest the Emperor, half bending over the couch. He earnestly watched the face of the dying monarch until he expired.

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—The Emperor's remains lie covered with a white cloth on the bedstead on which he died in the imperial chamber. The body is surrounded with candles. The expression of the face is extremely peaceful and placid. The members of the royal family left the palace at 10 o'clock. Divine service will be held in the mortuary chamber to-night. The cathedral choir will perform the choral parts of the service.

BERLIN, March 9.—The Staats Anzeiger, publishes the following proclamation: It has pleased God to call his Majesty the Emperor and King, our most gracious master, from life after a short illness and after a richly blessed reign. The whole nation mourns with the royal house the decease of the deeply beloved and venerable monarch whose wisdom has ruled so long and gloriously over its fortunes in war and in peace. (Signed.) THE MINISTER OF STATE.

LONDON, Mar. 9.—Flags are at half mast generally throughout England on account of the death of Emperor William. At 11:15 this morning Prince Henry of Battenberg conveyed a message from the Queen to Count Von Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador, expressing Her Majesty's sorrow at the Emperor's death. The balls which were to have been held at Dublin Castle to-night and on St. Patrick's Day have been postponed.

SAN REMO, Mar. 9.—The Crown Prince and Princess of Germany will leave San Remo immediately for Berlin.

LONDON, Mar. 9.—The Queen has sent telegrams of condolence to Berlin and to San Remo.

BRUSSELS, Mar. 9.—The King and Queen of Belgium left here on their way to London to attend the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales just before the news of the German Emperor's death arrived.

ROME, Mar. 9.—The Chamber of Deputies will adjourn as a mark of respect for the dead Emperor. The general impression is that there will be no change in the political situation so long as Prince Bismarck lives.

VIENNA, Mar. 9.—The Reichsrath has adjourned because of the death of the German Emperor.

PARIS, Mar. 9.—President Carnot has sent a telegraphic message of condolence to Frederick William at San Remo. He also charged Col. Lichtenstein, of this military household, to convey his condolences to Count Von Munster, the German ambassador to France.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The official announcement of the death of Emperor William was received at the German Legation early this morning. The telegram was signed by Prince Bismarck and stated that the Emperor passed peacefully away at half past eight this morning. Baron von Z-dwitz, Charge d'Affaires, when questioned upon the subject of the succession said that Crown Prince Frederick William became Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia immediately on the death of his father, and that now, as always, if the question of the incapacity of the sovereign is raised it will be decided by the two chambers of Prussia.

A telegram was received at the Department of State this morning from Minister Pendleton at Berlin announcing the death of Emperor William this morning. A copy of the dispatch received by the German Charge d'Affaires from Prince Bismarck was sent to the Secretary of State.

Proceedings of Congress. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9. SENATE.

The Senate was not in session to-day, having adjourned yesterday till Monday.

HOUSE. The House, shortly after meeting, proceeded to the further consideration of the Omnibus War Claim Bill, coming over from last Friday.

The amendment, agreed to in Committee of the Whole after a protracted debate, appropriating \$20,000 for the relief of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School of Virginia was again the subject of discussion, being earnestly opposed by Messrs. J. D. Taylor and Kennedy, of Ohio, and Mr. Grosvener, of Ohio, the latter

declaring that Congress might as well pass a bill paying for the occupation of the hotel where Ellsworth was killed.

Mr. Lee and Mr. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, supported the amendment and it was finally adopted.

Theological Seminary Claim. (Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.) WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The bill to pay the Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, \$20,000 for rent during the war passed the House this evening, despite the frantic declarations of Taylor and Grosvener, both Ohio men, that it opened the way to disloyal claims of all kinds, both of whom waved the bloody shirt very generally.

Charged with Infanticide.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Lizzie Howard, 21 years old, was arrested early this morning on board an Old Dominion line steamer and locked up on a charge of infanticide, by the request of the chief of police of Danvers, Va. She is the wife of a respectable man of that place, but a few days ago gave birth to a child, the result of intimacy with another man. She felt her disgrace keenly and threw the child into an outhouse. She claims the child was stillborn but the doctors claim otherwise. She fled under an assumed name when about to be arrested.

Burned to Death.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—One of the out buildings connected with the Williamson county poor house caught fire yesterday and the flames spread so rapidly that William Johnson and Dora Shannon, colored inmates, were burned to death. It is supposed that Johnson, who was crazy, set the building on fire, as he had on another occasion attempted to burn a house.

Murder and Suicide.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Mar. 9.—Louis Richter shot and killed his cousin, Miss Louisa Smith, aged 17, and then sent a bullet through his own brain yesterday afternoon. Richter was the son of Jacob Richter, a former county clerk, one of the wealthiest and best known citizens in the county, and a lover with Miss Smith who did not return his affection.

Execution.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—Macey Warner was hanged in the Jeffersonville jail this morning for the murder of Frank Harris. Just before the signal was given, Warner laughed and said to the Sheriff, "I am ready if you are."

The Crown Prince.

SAN REMO, Mar. 9.—The Emperor of Germany (Frederick William), passed a fairly good night. During the early part of the night he was restless, but he slept better afterwards.

Death of Mr. Potter.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Mr. Thomas J. Potter, Vice-president and General Manager of the Union Pacific Railway Company died at Welcker's Hotel at 11:15 this morning.

The Fight Postponed.

LONDON, March 9.—The Sullivan-Michael fight has been postponed on account of a squabble. It will probably take place on Monday.

MR. W. W. CORCORAN'S EYESIGHT.—One of the greatest blessings of the long and beautiful life of W. W. Corcoran, the millionaire philanthropist, was the restoration of his lost eyesight, so that the last fifteen years of his useful life were not spent in darkness, as they otherwise would have been. Mr. Corcoran lost one eye by the development of cataract in 1869, and about two years later the other eye went blind. While traveling in Europe for the purpose of having his cataract removed the French-German war broke out, and prevented him from submitting to this delicate operation. He consulted in Paris Professors Leclerc and deWecker, and both gentlemen recommended Prof. Geo. Reuling, of Baltimore, their former pupil, for the performance of the operation, by the excellent result of which the old gentleman enjoyed the pleasure of reading and writing again and of being able to select many of the lately published works of art for the Corcoran Art Gallery on his own judgment.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Members of Baltimore Division, U. R. of K. P., are requested to meet at Mechanics' No. 8, Castle, on Saturday, March 10, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers, as business of importance is to be considered. mh9 2t

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Cream Balm

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